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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

JIMENEZ ET AL.

Examiner

Daniel D Abebe

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Saylor et al. (6,707,889).

As to claim 1, Saylor teaches a method (Fig.4) for retrieving audio file in e-mail and web document, comprising the steps of:

Establish connection with a caller (202);

Processing a command for retrieving data where the data includes e-mail based data and web based data "The voice content that a user may create may comprise structured voice pages including audio, dialogs, menus, and links and may be stored in a variety of formats as well. The voice content may be stored as a XML-based voice file (e.g. TML or Voice XML), that references sound and text files" (204'; Fig.3, 72, 74, 60);

Identifying a voice page from the command (206);

Retrieving and executing the voice page by processing/interpreting the XML code through a voice browser (210; Fig.3, 66); and

Playing the audio to the user via the caller's phone (Col.5, lines 20-23).

As to claim 6, Saylor teaches receiving signals including DTMF signal and voice signal and converting them into textual Voice codes for accessing voice pages over a network (Col.5-49; Fig.19)

As to claims 2-5 and 7-8 Saylor teaches where communication is established between a user and the Vpage provider (Fig.4, 202) and where the system is accessible over the Internet (World Wide Web) or over a telephone network, and where the document providers include e-mail servers (Fig.8; Fig.3, 74).

Claims 9-13 and 15-18 are analogous to claims 1-8 and are rejected for the foregoing reasons by Saylor.

As to claim 14 for Saylor teaches authenticating the caller (Fig.16, 1608).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Eteminan (6,426,956).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel D Abebe whose telephone number is 703-308-5543. The examiner can normally be reached on monday-friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doris To can be reached on 703-305-4827. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Daniel Abebe, Primary Examiner A.U. 2655

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Abebe', written in a cursive style.

July 2, 2004